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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to lessen the illegal acquisition of
4 firearms in the State; and

5 WHEREAS, Many criminals obtain firearms illegally through
6 theft from freight rail cars; and

7 WHEREAS, We wish to decrease the amount of firearms
8 illegally acquired through freight theft; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois is statistically in the top ten states
10 for freight theft nationwide; and

11 WHEREAS, There were 2,987 shooting victims in the City of
12 Chicago in 2015; someone in Chicago was shot at a rate of one
13 every 2.93 hours in 2015 and as of December 1, 2016 there have
14 been 4,089 shooting victims in 2016 resulting in a shooting on
15 average every 1.97 hours; and

16 WHEREAS, Nearly 200,000 guns are reported stolen, lost, or
17 missing in the United States every year; and

18 WHEREAS, Freight logistics security organizations recorded
19 754 cargo thefts throughout the United States in 2015; and

1 WHEREAS, The safety and security of our communities should
2 be at the forefront of legislative measures; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 urge Congress to strengthen national freight laws for cars
6 carrying firearms across state lines; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 delivered to the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
9 Firearms, and Explosives and the members of the Illinois
10 congressional delegation.